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### **Shooting Range Development Program Categorical Exclusion Determination**

The **Hellgate Civilian Shooters Association**, 3840 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804, proposes to purchase a tractor for range use. The **Hellgate Civilian Shooters Association** applied for a grant under the Montana Shooting Range Development Program for **\$14,216.50** in funding for the cost of purchasing a tractor.

The proposed action is considered a minor repair or maintenance of an existing facility or equipment; or primarily social or economic in nature and that does not otherwise affect the human environment and therefore is exempt from an Environmental Assessment under MEPA (Montana Environmental Policy Act), IAW the MEPA Model Rules implemented under Title 75, chapter 1, MCA, the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) para. III...

*(5) The agency is not required to prepare an EA or an EIS for the following categories of action:...(c) minor repairs, operations, or maintenance of existing equipment or facilities; (e) ministerial actions: actions in which the agency exercises no discretion, but rather acts upon a given state of facts in a prescribed manner; and (f) actions that are primarily social or economic in nature and that do not otherwise affect the human environment.*

The grant proposal review is complete and the funding request for this proposed project is approved, pending **Hellgate Civilian Shooters Association's** completion of other administrative requirements under the Shooting Range Development Program. Please direct questions or comments concerning this grant, to Wayde Cooperider at FWP, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620, or e-mail wacooperider@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

*Signature on file*

Wayde Cooperider  
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